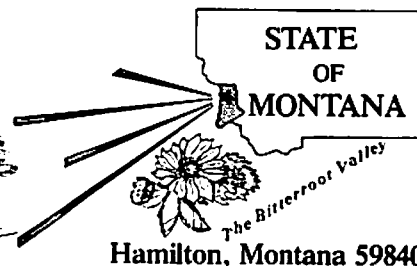


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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January 29, 2009

John M. Bartos
Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital Corp.
1200 Westwood Drive
Hamilton, MT 59840-2395

RE: Partial Payment for Rabies Vaccine

Dear Mr. Bartos:

Enclosed please find a check from Ravalli County in the amount of \$29,402.97. This sum constitutes payment for the excess portion of Imovax Rabies and Imogam Rabies HT R16 vaccine that is in the possession of Ravalli County after the rabies vaccine clinics at the Stevensville School.

In making this payment, Ravalli County is not acknowledging legal or financial liability for the excess vaccine, which Ravalli County maintains is the financial responsibility of the Stevensville School. The School's insurer and Worker's Compensation plan have already acknowledged in writing their responsibility to pay for the portion of the vaccine that was used at the clinics, and Ravalli County will continue to pursue reimbursement for payment of the excess vaccine from the School and its insurer. However, the County wanted Marcus Daly to receive payment for the excess portion without having to wait for resolution of the dispute with the School's insurer.

Ravalli County will continue to use its resources and legal department to obtain prompt payment to Marcus Daly Hospital for the remaining amounts owed on the vaccine. If the County is successful in obtaining payment to the hospital from the School for the excess vaccine and Marcus Daly receives total payment in excess of the \$107,806.73 paid by the hospital, excess amounts received should be reimbursed to Ravalli County.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carlotta Grandstaff".

Carlotta Grandstaff, Chairman
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners

cc: Judy Griffin, Public Health Director
George Corn, Ravalli County Attorney